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ARGENTINA AND CHILE COMPLETE

BETTER THAN AVERAGE PULSE HARVEST, 1964

The 1964 dry bean harvest recently completed in Argentina and Chile was slightly below last year but 11 percent above the 1955-59 average. Argentina reported a 24 percent gain over the 1955-59 average, Chile, 8 percent.

Dry pea production also was up from last year in Chile, but sharply down in Argentina. Heavy rains in the important producing areas of Argentina reportedly forced abandonment of almost 23 percent of the planted area. Compared with the five-year average, the 1964 dry pea production did not change significantly in either Argentina or Chile.

The Argentine lentil harvest was down slightly from last year, but sharply upward in Chile. In both countries, it was up substantially from the 1955-59 average: 65 percent in Argentina and 39 percent in Chile. (Table I)

For Chile, estimates of export availability from the 1964 harvest at 17,500 tons are as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Metric Tons</u>
Arroz beans	9,000
Cristales beans	4,500
Red kidney beans	3,000
Other	1,000
Total	<u>17,500</u>

In 1963, Chile exported beans, peas, and lentils to destinations and in quantities shown in Table II.

Table I - DRY PULSES: Production in Argentina and Chile
1964 with comparisons

Kind	Argentina			Chile		
	Average:	1963	1964	Average:	1963	1964
	1955-59:			1955-59:		
	Metric	Metric	Metric	Metric	Metric	Metric
	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons
Beans	24,675:	32,600:	30,550:	80,015:	87,860:	86,100
Peas	15,150:	27,400:	16,700:	10,478:	9,900:	10,200
Lentils	7,167:	12,050:	11,800:	14,100:	15,790:	19,600
Garbanzos	7,500:	4,450:	6,000:	5,660:	4,930:	5,300

Table II - CHILE: Pulse exports, 1963

Destination	Beans	Peas	Lentils
	Metric	Metric	Metric
	tons	tons	tons
Argentina	--	200	--
Australia	50	--	14
Austria	--	--	21
Belgium	1,037	465	--
Bolivia	--	--	20
Brazil	--	300	--
Canada	--	--	52
Cuba	668	--	--
France	636	--	245
Germany	3,903	220	7,531
Italy	642	--	--
Jamaica	609	--	--
Netherlands	1,697	288	948
Norway	13	70	--
Panama	919	--	--
Peru	--	--	137
Spain	166	--	--
Sweden	822	--	12
Switzerland	10	--	--
Trinidad	57	--	--
United Kingdom	4,529	--	--
Total	15,758	1,543	8,981

Table III - ARGENTINA: Pulse Exports, 1963

Destination	Beans	Peas	Lentils
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
Belgium	1,721	378	49
France	583	--	20
Italy	2,999	75	--
Germany, West	1,619	--	515
Holland	1,273	324	683
Spain	1,154	--	--
U.S.	70	--	--
Canada	28	--	--
United Kingdom	10	--	5
Australia	5	--	--
Japan	325	50	--
Brazil	--	2,969	1,259
Peru	--	40	149
Central America	--	--	15
Total 1963	9,787	3,836	2,695
Total 1962	9,534	7,804	5,341

Source: Frutos del PaisTable IV - PRICES: Beans, peas and lentils,
in Argentina and Chile, April 1964

Chile 1/ 2/		Argentina 3/	
Item	Price (\$ per cwt.)	Item	Price (\$ per cwt.)
<u>BEANS</u>			
Red Kidney	10.65	Manteca (butter)	5.95
Red Mexican	9.85	Triguito (small)	5.65
Cristales	9.85		
Arroz	6.30		
<u>PEAS</u>			
Green	2.70	Superior Quality	8.95
Yellow	2.95	Inferior Quality	7.60
<u>LENTILS</u>			
5 millimeters	13.00	Export Quality	6.60
6 millimeters	14.80		
7 millimeters	17.75		

1/ Converted at official rate of exchange (at free market rate, prices would be 30 percent less). 2/ F.o.b. port. 3/ F.A.S. Buenos Aires.

Argentina made no estimate of export availability from the 1964 harvest just completed, but in calendar year 1963 pulses were exported as shown in Table III.

Recent prices in Argentina and Chile for each of the pulses are given in Table IV.

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